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## Earth Day 2013: Events Across Massachusetts

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The following events calendar was compiled as a public service by MassDEP and includes Earth Day activities held in Massachusetts, listed alphabetically by community. For more information about a particular event, please contact the individual or group listed as a sponsor.

### ARLINGTON

Community Collection Day  
Saturday, May 11, 2013 (Rain or Shine)  
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
51 Grove Street  
Arlington

Outdoor event to collect materials for reuse and recycling. Residents can drop off a variety of home items to be recycled including CRTs (\$10 per unit): bikes, books, old sneakers, confidential papers, old prescriptions, sharps, more. Sponsored by Arlington Public Works and Recycling Committee.

More information: [http://www.arlingtonma.gov/Public\\_Documents/ArlingtonMA\\_DPW/Recycle/index](http://www.arlingtonma.gov/Public_Documents/ArlingtonMA_DPW/Recycle/index)

### ATTLEBORO

Attleboro's Earth Day Recycling Event  
Saturday, April 20, 2013  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Recycling Center  
29 Pond Street North  
Attleboro

Earth Day event featuring paper shredding, mercury exchange for thermometers, drop off for thermostats, composting, rain barrels, cardboard drop off, Discover books. Sponsored by Attleboro Health Department. For more information, visit [www.cityofattleboro.us/recycle](http://www.cityofattleboro.us/recycle) or contact [Rubbishcollection@cityofattleboro.us](mailto:Rubbishcollection@cityofattleboro.us) or call 508-223-2222 Ext. 3245.

### AYER

A Cleaner Ayer and Shirley  
Saturday, April 20, 2013  
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Locations in Ayer and Shirley MA

Town wide cleanup event in both towns, sponsored by the Ayer and Shirley Recycling Committees. For more information, contact [Ayerrecycles@gmail.com](mailto:Ayerrecycles@gmail.com) or 978-496-5839.

### BOSTON

Earth Day Celebration at Franklin Park Zoo  
Party for the Planet  
Sunday, April 21, 2013  
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Franklin Park Zoo  
One Franklin Park Rd.  
Boston

Learn how you can contribute to a healthy planet and preserve the Earth. The festivities will include opportunities to meet the zookeepers, plus animal enrichment activities, scavenger hunts, entertainment, eco-friendly exhibitors and much more! Sponsored by Franklin Park Zoo, in partnership with the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts and Cambridge Science Festival. For more information, visit <http://www.zoonewengland.org/FPZevents> or email [rmorgan@zoonewengland.com](mailto:rmorgan@zoonewengland.com).

## **BOSTON** (continued)

Radio 92.9 EarthFest  
Saturday, May 18, 2013  
12:00-5:00 p.m.  
DCR Hatch Memorial Shell  
Charles River Esplanade  
Boston

A celebration for the Earth showcasing environmentally friendly products, groups and activities, and featuring an all-star musical lineup and interactive family area. More information: <http://www.myradio929.com/EarthFest.aspx>

## **BOURNE**

Town of Bourne Earth Day Celebration  
Saturday, April 20, 2013  
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
201 MacArthur Boulevard  
Bourne

Earth Day Celebration featuring tours, informational and equipment displays, refreshments, sponsored by the Town of Bourne Integrated Solid Waste Management Dept. For more information, visit [www.townofbourne.com](http://www.townofbourne.com), click ISWM Dept., or call 508-759-0651.

## **BROCKTON**

Keep Brockton Beautiful Day  
Saturday, April 20, 2013  
9:00 a.m.- 12:00 pm  
Heights Crossing  
Brockton

Join in the community clean up and cookout sponsored by the Mayor's Office and DPW. For more information, visit [www.brocktonma.us](http://www.brocktonma.us) or call 508-580-7827.

## **COHASSET**

Earth Day at Holly Hill Farm  
Saturday, April 20, 2013  
10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.  
236 Jerusalem Road  
Cohasset

Earth Day celebration at Holly Hill Farm: The farm stand will be open with early harvest for sale, there will be early seedlings to purchase and plant, there will be a cooking demonstration and many fun activities and workshops throughout the day. Sign up for Summer Camp for children ages 3-18. Planned activities last about 45 minutes. All activities are free and open to the public. 10 am & 3 pm: Create a new product from recycled materials and use it on a guided walk. 11 am & 1 pm: Sow seeds, transplant, grow crops and taste greens in the Education Garden. 12 noon & 2 pm: visit the compost pile, search for worms and learn to make black gold. Sponsored by Holly Hill Farm and the Friends of Holly Hill Farm. For more information, visit [www.hollyhillfarm.org](http://www.hollyhillfarm.org) or email <mailto:mjbelberhollyhillfarm@hotmail.com>.

## **ESSEX**

What's This Tree?  
Sunday, April 28, 2013  
1:00-3:00 p.m.  
Cox Reservation  
Rte. 133  
Essex

Forester Mike Simmons will guide you on a walk through the Cox Reservation showing you how to recognize trees by their needles, bark, twigs, buds, and leaves. Bring your mobile device and use the free electronic field guide leafsnap. For more information and to RSVP, visit: [http://www.ecga.org/explore\\_and\\_engage/view\\_event/49-what\\_rsquo\\_s\\_this\\_tree\\_1-3pm\\_cox\\_reservation\\_essex\\_free](http://www.ecga.org/explore_and_engage/view_event/49-what_rsquo_s_this_tree_1-3pm_cox_reservation_essex_free)

## **FAIRHAVEN**

Earth Day for Buzzards Bay Expo  
Saturday, April 20, 2013  
Fairhaven Senior Center  
229 Huttleston Avenue  
Fairhaven

The Buzzards Bay Action Committee is pleased to announce its sponsorship of the Earth Day for Buzzards Bay Expo on April 20, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven Senior Center. Bring your families and come and enjoy a wide variety of exhibits and demonstrations on sustainable activities for a healthy lifestyle that benefit you and the planet! Learn what you can do to protect Buzzards Bay and live lightly on the Earth. Explore exhibits and presentations for adults and children about organic gardening, composting, alternative energy, native plants, toxin-free cleaning, geocaching, feeding wild birds, and more at our first Buzzards Bay Earth Day Expo event! For more information, please contact Merilee at 508-998-0202.

## **FRANKLIN**

Franklin Earth Day  
Saturday, April 27, 2013  
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
330 Beaver St.  
Franklin

Franklin Earth Day event featuring plantable trees to be given out, general trash pickup. Sponsored by the Town of Franklin DPW. For more information, email [dpw@franklin.ma.us](mailto:dpw@franklin.ma.us) or [cwhite@franklin.ma.us](mailto:cwhite@franklin.ma.us).

## **GLOUCESTER**

Eco-Trip Scavenger Hunt  
Saturday, April 20, 2013  
12:30-4:00 p.m.  
Sawyer Free Library  
2 Dale Ave.  
Gloucester

A walking scavenger hunt and puzzle contest! Learn what these Gloucester businesses are doing to reduce their carbon footprints! Nor'east Cleaners, Jim's Bagel & Bake Shoppe, Harbor Health Group, Dogtown Books, Mill River Consulting, Cape Ann Farmers Market, Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce, Latitude 43. \$10 per person. Play solo or in groups of 2 to 4 people. Sponsored by Cape Ann Time Bank. Visit [CapeAnnTimeBanks.org](http://CapeAnnTimeBanks.org) for more information.

## **GLOUCESTER** (continued)

"Becky Shaw," a Theatrical Performance Benefitting Essex County Greenbelt Association  
Thursday, April 25, 2013  
8:00 p.m.  
The Gloucester Stage  
267 East Main Street  
Gloucester

Support Greenbelt in a new and entertaining way! Join us and the Cape Ann Theatre Collaborative for a delightful evening that will benefit Greenbelt's land conservation mission. Becky Shaw is a theatrical production about a newlywed couple who tries to fix up two romantically challenged friends: wife's best friend meet husband's sexy and strange co-worker. The evening is supposed to bring happiness but unfortunately takes a dark turn, crisis and comedy ensue. For more information, call 978-281-4433.

## **MANCHESTER**

Raging Oceans  
Tuesday, April 23, 2013  
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
Manchester-Essex Middle High School  
36 Lincoln Street  
Manchester

Manchester-Essex Middle High School will be hosting an information session entitled Raging Oceans, presented by Oceana, an international organization focused on ocean conservation. Join them at 6:30PM to learn about effective actions we can take locally to turn back the tide of destruction and prevent tragedies like the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf. For more information call Mercy Cover at 617-888-5222 or e-mail at [mmcover@oceana.org](mailto:mmcover@oceana.org).

Movie night -No Impact Man  
Wednesday, April 24, 2013  
6:30 p.m.  
Manchester-Essex High School Auditorium  
36 Lincoln Street  
Manchester

The story that allows you to follow the Manhattan-based Beavan family as they abandon their high consumption 5th Avenue lifestyle and try to live a year while making no net environmental impact. This film will be targeting a third form of audience showing what the family goes through in trying to live a life by creating no impact to the environment. The goal of this night is to drive home the idea that anyone can make a huge environmentally beneficial impact if they try. Sean Gutierrez will then speak to the audience and present a number of conservation ideas that can be done easily in an average home.

Speaker MassDEP  
Monday, April 29, 2013  
6:30 p.m.  
Manchester-Essex High School Auditorium  
36 Lincoln Street  
Manchester

Sharon Kishida works for MassDEP Northeast District 2 and is a Regional Solid Waste & Recycling Coordinator who will be coming to present for an hour. She will be talking about what she does and comparing it to our recycling and composting system in the school. She will then wrap her presentation with talking about sustainability and how it/we affect the environment.

## **MARLBOROUGH**

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day / Prescription Drug Collection

Saturday, April 27, 2013

8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

OLD Landfill

400 Hudson Street

Marlborough

Collection of Household Hazardous Waste and Prescription Drugs for the D.A. Office / Marlborough and Hudson Police Departments. Sponsored by the Marlborough/Hudson Boards of Health & Marlborough Emergency Management. For more information, email [dcusson@marlborough-ma.gov](mailto:dcusson@marlborough-ma.gov).

### Clean Sweep

Saturday, April 27, 2013

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

135 Neil Street

Marlborough

Town-wide neighborhood clean up sponsored by the Mayor's Office. For more information, contact Tom Temple, Marlborough Dept. of Public Works, 508-624-6910.

## **NEWTON**

### Everything You've Always Wanted to Know About Trash and Recycling, But Were Afraid to Ask!

Monday, April 22, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Newton Free Library

Druker Auditorium

330 Homer St.

Newton

Courtney Forrester and Elaine Gentile from Newton's Department of Public Works will let us know what goes on in those blue and green bins we put out at the curbside every week. The program is cosponsored by Green Decade/Newton as part of the Greening Our Community Series. For more information, visit <http://greendecade.org/> or contact [info@greendecade.org](mailto:info@greendecade.org).

### City of Newton Rain Barrel Sale

Saturday, April 27, 2013

9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Recycling Depot

115 Rumford Ave.

Newton residents can pre-purchase rain barrels for \$69 and pick them up on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Sponsored by City of Newton and Great American Rain Barrel Company. For more information, visit [www.newtonrecycles.com](http://www.newtonrecycles.com) or call 617-796-1000 or email [info@tgarb.com](mailto:info@tgarb.com).

## **QUINCY**

### Cleaner Greener Quincy

Saturday, May 4, 2013

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Glendale Park

27 Glendale Road

Quincy

Cleaner, Greener Quincy takes place annually on the first Saturday in May and is the city's ceremonial kickoff for our overall beautification effort. For more than 20 years, citizens have rolled up their sleeves alongside city employees to spruce up their neighborhood park, beach, school, marsh or open space area. Sponsored by the Hospital Hill Neighborhoods Association. For more information, contact [sonya4701@yahoo.com](mailto:sonya4701@yahoo.com).

## **QUINCY** (continued)

Cleaner Greener Quincy  
Saturday, May 4, 2013  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
20 Muirhead Street  
Quincy

Historic New England partners with the Wollaston Garden Club for the City of Quincy's annual spring clean up. Learn about the landscape surrounding Quincy House and help prepare the garden for another growing season. Other projects will take place throughout the city, including beaches, marshes, school grounds, parks, and open spaces. Enjoy a complimentary house tour in appreciation of your generous service. Bring work gloves if you have them. Sponsored by Quincy House. For more information, call 617-994-5930 or email [sonya4701@yahoo.com](mailto:sonya4701@yahoo.com).

## **ROWLEY**

Earth Day Celebration  
Sunday, April 21, 2013  
1:00-3:00 p.m.  
Batchelder's Landing  
Rowley

Anne Giblin, PhD will share her research on sea level change in Plum Island Sound followed by a clean-up of Batchelder's Landing and Rowley salt marshes. RSVP to [ecga@ecga.org](mailto:ecga@ecga.org). Sponsored by Essex County Greenbelt Association. For more information, visit:

[http://www.ecga.org/explore\\_and\\_engage/view\\_event/48-earth\\_day\\_celebration\\_1-3pm\\_batchelder\\_rsquo\\_s\\_landing\\_rowley\\_free](http://www.ecga.org/explore_and_engage/view_event/48-earth_day_celebration_1-3pm_batchelder_rsquo_s_landing_rowley_free).

## **SCITUATE**

Ship Shape Day  
Sat. April 27, 2013  
Get supplies: 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Clean up: Any time before Mon. April 29

Town Hall (for supplies)  
Scituate

Pick up supplies at Town Hall to assist with trash and litter cleanup from streets, playgrounds, and beaches. Sponsored by Scituate Beautification Commission. For more information, visit

<http://www.town.scituate.ma.us/beautification/shipshape-info> or email [sbc@town.ma.us](mailto:sbc@town.ma.us).

## **SHARON**

Sharon Green Day  
Sunday, April 28, 2013  
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.  
11 N. Main St.  
Sharon

Representatives from Local Environmental Organizations, Workshops: Solar Panels, Xeriscaping, Composting, Beekeeping, Toxins in Your World & more: Free Water Saving Appliances (for Sharon residents), Free Bike Tune-ups by Boy Scout Troop 95, Recycling & Swap Table, Community Art Making & Face Painting, Environmentally friendly movie for all ages - 3pm, Music & Food. For more information, visit [www.SustainableSharon.org](http://www.SustainableSharon.org) or contact [Nsfyler@comcast.net](mailto:Nsfyler@comcast.net). Sponsored by Sustainable Sharon Coalition.

## **SHERBORN**

Compost Communion  
Sunday, April 21, 2013  
Noon (after 10:30 service)  
Unitarian Universalist Area Church  
11 Washington St. (Rt. 27)  
Sherborn

The ministers will dedicate the new, 3 compartment compost bin, and congregants will contribute non-meat food scraps and receive finished compost from the past year's coffee hours. Sponsored by UUAC Zero Waste Team. For more information, visit <http://www.uuac.org/> or contact [lpjsmom@verizon.net](mailto:lpjsmom@verizon.net).

## **SHIRLEY**

A Cleaner Ayer and Shirley  
Saturday, April 20, 2013  
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Locations in Ayer and Shirley MA

Town wide cleanup event in both towns, sponsored by the Ayer and Shirley Recycling Committees. For more information, contact [Ayerrecycles@gmail.com](mailto:Ayerrecycles@gmail.com) or 978-496-5839.

## **TOWNSEND**

Townsend Earth Day  
Saturday, April 27, 2013  
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Rain date: Sunday, April 28, 12:00-4:00 p.m.  
Main Street  
Townsend

Townsend Earth Day featuring entertainment, food, crafts, recycling of textiles, electronics, returnables and plant swap. Sponsored by the Townsend Recycling Committee. The theme is the "B's" bats, bees, birds, bugs and butterflies. For more information, contact [irene\\_congdon1@yahoo.com](mailto:irene_congdon1@yahoo.com).

## **TYNGSBORO**

6th Annual Earth Day at Sherburne Estate  
Sunday, April 21, 2013  
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
52 Coburn Rd.  
Tyngsboro

Annual Earth Day Event, sponsored by the Tyngsboro Conservation Commission. For more information, visit <http://www.tyngsboroughma.gov> or contact [walkpapu@verizon.net](mailto:walkpapu@verizon.net).

Town Wide Neighborhood Clean Up  
Month of April  
Tyngsboro

After winter clean up of roads, sponsored by the Town of Tyngsboro. For more information, visit [www.tyngsboroughma.gov](http://www.tyngsboroughma.gov) or contact [walkpapu@verizon.net](mailto:walkpapu@verizon.net).

## REGIONAL

Charles River Cleanup  
Saturday, April 20, 2013  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

At sites all along the Charles River and its tributaries

Since 2000, the Charles River Watershed Association has coordinated the Annual Earth Day Charles River Cleanup each April with a collaborative of other non-profit organizations. The Cleanup involves volunteers picking up trash at over 100 different cleanup sites along the Charles River and its tributaries. Volunteers participate as part of more than 100 different neighborhood, school, religious, and corporate groups, as well as individually. Volunteers remove trash and debris (including television sets, bicycles, Styrofoam cups, and plastic bags) located in the river and on its banks at 100 sites along the 80-mile river. At last year's event, we estimate that we removed 50 tons of litter, making the Charles River cleaner, healthier, and more beautiful! The Charles River Cleanup is organized by a collaborative of groups interested in keeping the river and our communities clean and healthy, including Charles River Watershed Association, Charles River Conservancy, The Esplanade Association, Emerald Necklace Conservancy, Green Decade Newton, Senator Brownsberger's Office, Waltham Land Trust and MA Department of Conservation and Recreation. For more information and to sign up, visit: <http://www.crwa.org/cleanup.html>